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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3250

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 3250 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Wildlife Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 2.25 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/2.25) (from Ch. 61, par. 2.25)

7 Sec. 2.25. It shall be unlawful for any person to take deer  
8 except (i) with a shotgun, handgun, or muzzleloading rifle or  
9 (ii) as provided by administrative rule, with a bow and arrow,  
10 or crossbow device for handicapped persons, as defined in  
11 Section 2.33, and persons age 62 or older during the open  
12 season of not more than 21 ~~14~~ days which will be set annually  
13 by the Director between the dates of November 1st and December  
14 31st, both inclusive, or a special 2-day, youth-only season  
15 between the dates of September 1 and October 31. For the  
16 purposes of this Section, legal handguns include any centerfire

1 handguns of .30 caliber or larger with a minimum barrel length  
2 of 4 inches. The only legal ammunition for a centerfire handgun  
3 is a cartridge of .30 caliber or larger with a capability of at  
4 least 500 foot pounds of energy at the muzzle. Full metal  
5 jacket bullets may not be used to harvest deer.

6 The Department shall make administrative rules concerning  
7 management restrictions applicable to the firearm and bow and  
8 arrow season.

9 It shall be unlawful for any person to take deer except  
10 with a bow and arrow, or crossbow device for handicapped  
11 persons, as defined in Section 2.33, and persons age 62 or  
12 older during the open season for bow and arrow set annually by  
13 the Director between the dates of September 1st and January  
14 31st, both inclusive.

15 It shall be unlawful for any person to take deer except  
16 with (i) a muzzleloading rifle, or (ii) bow and arrow, or  
17 crossbow device for handicapped persons, as defined in Section  
18 2.33, and persons age 62 or older during the open season for  
19 muzzleloading rifles set annually by the Director.

20 The Director shall cause an administrative rule setting  
21 forth the prescribed rules and regulations, including bag and  
22 possession limits and those counties of the State where open  
23 seasons are established, to be published in accordance with  
24 Sections 1.3 and 1.13 of this Act.

25 The Department may establish separate harvest periods for  
26 the purpose of managing or eradicating disease that has been

1 found in the deer herd. This season shall be restricted to gun  
2 or bow and arrow hunting only. The Department shall publicly  
3 announce, via statewide news release, the season dates and  
4 shooting hours, the counties and sites open to hunting, permit  
5 requirements, application dates, hunting rules, legal weapons,  
6 and reporting requirements.

7 The Department is authorized to establish a separate  
8 harvest period at specific sites within the State for the  
9 purpose of harvesting surplus deer that cannot be taken during  
10 the regular season provided for the taking of deer. This season  
11 shall be restricted to gun or bow and arrow hunting only and  
12 shall be established during the period of September 1st to  
13 February 15th, both inclusive with a minimum of 3 days of the  
14 season occurring between December 25th and December 31st. The  
15 Department shall publish suitable prescribed rules and  
16 regulations established by administrative rule pertaining to  
17 management restrictions applicable to this special harvest  
18 program. The Department shall allow unused gun deer permits  
19 that are left over from a regular season for the taking of deer  
20 to be rolled over and used during any separate harvest period  
21 held within 6 months of the season for which those tags were  
22 issued at no additional cost to the permit holder subject to  
23 the management restrictions applicable to the special harvest  
24 program.

25 (Source: P.A. 94-919, eff. 6-26-06; 95-13, eff. 1-1-08; 95-329,  
26 eff. 8-21-07; 95-876, eff. 8-21-08.)".